Liberty and powers to Gorkhaland

5550. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to News-item captioned "Paharke Prithak Rajyer Mato Swadhinata" (Liberty and powers like State to Hills) published in the "Pratidin" dated 24th April, 2000;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the second editorial of the "Statesman' dated 26th April, 2000 under heading ""Gifts to Ghising: But are there no limits"; and

(c) if so, the reactions of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Government is keeping a close watch over the developments.

Amount spent on security of ex-Prime Ministers

5551. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much in the terms of financial expense and the use of manpower is being spent on the security of all ex-Prime Ministers and their relatives;

(b) whether Government will provide the details of expenses on the security of Congress President and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha and her children;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the security of ex-Prime Ministers are reviewed occasionally and accordingly their arrangements are amended; and

(e) if so, the latest threat perception on the different ex-Prime Ministers and their security arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The expenditure incurred/ manpower deployed on the security of former Prime Ministers and their family members cannot be precisely determined, as there are various wings in the SPG, looking after different aspects of security, which are common for all protectees.

(d) and (e) The threat to the security of former Prime Ministers and their family members remains constantly under review. Security is provided as per the latest perception of threat.

Bridges over Lohit and Khabolu rivers in Assam

5552. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the survey of bridges over Lohit and Khabolu rivers connecting Majuli and Lakhimpur in Assam by NEC; and

(b) the total outlays, allocation already made or proposed to be made for implementing the scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Preliminary survey for bridge over river Lohit and Khabuli is under progress. The model study for the bridge is to be conducted before finalising the feasibility report.

(b) There is an outlay of Rs. 54 lakhs for the Scheme "Survey of Bridge over Lohit and Khabuli rivers" in the 9th Five Year Plan of NEC.

Implementation of Assam Accord

5553. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the clause-wise target fixed and implementation status of Assam accord;

(b) the details of formula agreed upon for constitutional safeguard under clause 6 and its plan for execution; and

(c) the date by which IMDT Act will be repealed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI): (a) Action has been taken to implement all the provisions of the Assam Accord. Central Government has also been holding tripartite meetings with the Government of Assam and representatives of All Assam Students Union (AASU) to review the implementation of various clauses of the Assam Accord. Status of the implementation of the Assam Accord is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The last meeting of the tripartite sub-committee has been held on